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VISION 2020 FISCAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP **Meeting Minutes 1/17/13**

ATTENDEES: Gordon Jamieson (CoChair), David Garbarino (CoChair), Heather Remoff, Scott Lever, Jonathan Haughton, Pete Howard (Secretary)

WATER & SEWER PROJECT: We reviewed the draft letter decided upon last month. There was a general feeling that the proposals were not responsive to the problem of increasing water rates. Gordon will provide as word doc, David will edit, pass to Scott who will pass to Jonathan who will return to Gordon. Gordon will present to BoS when all agree.

MY TAX DOLLARS: The Deputy Town Manager recently emailed Gordon saying he is ready to talk. The ball is back in Gordon's court.

TOWN WI-FI & HUMAN CAPITAL: Scott reported on his meeting with the Director of Planning. She is interested in both ideas. He also met with the IT Director. Scott was told that some town involved Wi-Fi is being considered. Outsourcing of IT maintenance is a possibility. It is unclear whether providing Wi-Fi aids redevelopment. Scott plan to attend the next Master Plan Committee meeting.

LAND VALUE TAX: Heather provided a preliminary list of questions for the Assessors. She would like to gather the facts about commercial property assessment so as to make the questions as pointed as possible. After considerable discussion, Pete agreed to draft a letter for Heather's review that includes the ideas from the discussion.

HUMAN CAPITAL: Scott reported that the Director of Planning is also interested in this idea.

GOOGLE GROUP FOR FRTG Open item from Dec mtg.

NEXT MEETING Feb 21 and 3d Thursday on subsequent months.